

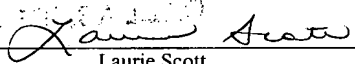
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In re Application of: Eva Sevick-Muraca, et al.
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Group Art Unit: 3737
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WITH FLUORESCENT CONTRAST AGENTS

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SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. In a telephone conversation Applicants received on September 17, 2002, in response to Applicants' Request for Status filed August 12, 2002, Applicants were advised that a first Office Action be expected in December 2002. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action and are currently requesting the status of the application and the Office Action.

REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and neither a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 nor a Notice of Allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 have been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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